

P-421/CP-86-571 ORDER GRANTING TIME EXTENSION

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of the Petition of
Certain Subscribers in the
Cambridge Exchange for Extended
Area Service to the
Minneapolis/St. Paul
Metropolitan Calling Area

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PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On June 26, 1990, the Commission issued its ORDER AFTER RECONSIDERATION OF JUNE 20, 1989 ORDER IN LIGHT OF MINNESOTA STATUTE § 237.161 (1990) in the consolidated Metro EAS Case, Docket No. P-421, 405, 407, 430, 426, 520, 427/CI-87-76. In its Order, the Commission reviewed the 16 petitions for Extended Area Service (EAS) to the Minneapolis/St. Paul metropolitan calling area. Among other things, the Commission found that four exchanges including Cambridge met the adjacency requirement of Minn. Stat. § 237.161 and directed Northwestern Bell Telephone Company (NWB), the telephone company providing local service to Cambridge, to file traffic studies that would allow the Commission to determine whether the traffic requirement of the new EAS legislation was satisfied. Minn. Stat. § 237.161 (1990).

On August 10, 1990, NWB filed its traffic study for the Cambridge exchange.

On September 13, 1990, the Commission issued an order in this matter finding that the Cambridge exchange met the adjacency and traffic criteria of Minn. Stat. § 237.161, Section 1, subd. 1 (a). Therefore, the Commission directed the affected telephone companies to file cost studies and proposed rates within 45 days of the issue date of the Order. Those cost studies and proposed rates were filed mid-December.

The September 13, 1990 Order also required the Department to submit a report and recommendations on the cost studies and proposed rates within 45 days of receipt of the companies' studies. The companies' studies were filed by December 13, 1990, therefore, the Department's reports were due January 28, 1991.

On January 28, 1991, the Department submitted a letter to the Commission requesting a 60 day extension for the filing of its reports and recommendations. The Department explained that the need for this extension was due to its involvement in the development of rates for the eight Metro EAS petitions which fall under Section 2 of Minn. Stat. § 237.161.

On February 12, 1991, the Commission met to consider this matter.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

The Commission finds that the Department's request for an extension of time is reasonable and should be granted. The reasons for the Department's request are sound. No party has opposed the extension. Neither the public interest nor any party's interests will be prejudiced by the delay. The Commission will grant the requested extension.

ORDER

1. The Department of Public Service is granted an extension of time 60 days beyond the original due date, January 28, 1991, to file its report regarding the cost studies and proposed EAS rates for the Cambridge exchange. The Department's report is now due March 29, 1991.
2. Within 20 days following the filing of the Department's report pursuant to Ordering Paragraph 1, interested parties may file comments.
3. This Order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

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Executive Secretary

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